

General Meeting
Friday February 17, 2012
7:30pm

Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane Lafayette

VE Testing Begins at 6pm

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February Program -

Dave Palmer, KB5WIA, and Tom Deeble, KA6SIP, on "Working Amateur Radio Satellites from Remote Locations." The presentation will primarily focus on Dave's experiences during his "Lost Coast Expedition."

This will be a terrific presentation AND demonstration of the technologies and techniques of contacting/working satellites.

--- *Jim Siemons, AF6PU, Vice President*

ANNUAL AUCTION IS NEXT MONTH

Auction time is almost here. The next Auction is on our regular general meeting date on March 16, 2012. Ham gear and related equipment are welcome. Seller registration will start at 6:00 PM and the auction begins at 7:00 PM. The auction ends promptly at 10:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to clean out the shack or to search for bargains. The auction is always a lot of fun.

Sellers will be charged 10% per item sold. Any unsold items must be removed from the property by the seller.

Please note that there will be no VE exams on this date.

We need an auctioneer and 3 or 4 other helpers to run the auction. If you can help, please contact Bill Swindell, K1LED via e-mail at k1led@arrl.net.



AD6HD served as auctioneer during last year's club auction on March 18, 2011. (N4DLA photo)

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ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CLUB YAHOO GROUP. DOWNLOAD FILES, INCLUDING *THE CARRIER* IN FULL COLOR AS WELL AS SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AT:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc>

General Meeting Minutes January 20, 2012

President Robert TeVrucht, N6TEV called the meeting to order for the first time.

Jim Siemons-AF6PU, Vice President, presented a special award to John Ronan, K3ZJJ, for his outstanding work as Vice President, President and Chairman of PACIFICON 2010 and 2011. Jim noted that John's work in Amateur Radio Youth Education, D-Star, amateur television and scholarships improved the MDARC organization significantly. Jim awarded John with an MDARC Lifetime Membership and indicated that any future scholarships in John Ronan's name.

Jim Siemons discussed the need for one of our members to manage Marketing for PACIFICON. He would like to here from you if you can help. The next meeting for the team is February 14 at the Salvation Army Church on Clayton Road.

Trevor Hall, WA6JAU, reported that the Technical Committee made a recommendation to the MDARC Board to move the ATV repeater to Mt. Diablo North Peak. The cost will be approximately \$300 depending on the liability insurance purchased. A motion from the floor was M/S/A to move the ATV repeater system to North Peak.

Misa Siemons, Treasurer, reported that the balance in the MDARC bank accounts is \$37,612.00 plus the balance in the PACIFICON account which contains \$10,700.00.

It was reported that a General License class in progressing well.

Three hams passed tests at the VE testing tonight. Two Technician and one General Class. The Membership is currently 361 with 216 are 2012 renewals.

President Bob indicted a new budget will be presented at the February meeting. He also will appoint a new Recognition Committee to select our members that deserve praise.

The Salvation Army thanked all the members of MDARC that helped raise a significant amount of money during the holidays.

The business meeting was closed and it was followed by an outstanding presentation on Digital Television by Joel Wilhite, KD6W. He made a very interesting complex subject very understandable by all.

Minutes by Acting Secretary Dick, KT6X

Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2012

The meeting was opened by President Robert Te Vrucht at 7:00 PM.

Attendees were: Bob TeVrucht ,N6TEV- President, Jim Siemons, AF6PU-Vice President and PACIFICON Co-Chair, Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE – Treasurer, John Primus, AF6RJ-Director-Education, Ron Luttringer, K6XC – Director, Dale McIntire, AD6HD – Director, Tom Kramer, WA6NYP – Emergency Coordinator, Paula Costa, KI6MPD – PACIFICON Co-Chair, Jay Caldis, KT6Y – W6CX Trustee, Dick Brown, KT6X –W6LGW Trustee, Dave Gordon, N6SWE – Member, Tim Barrett, K6BIV –Member, Bill Swindell, K1LED – Member

Following Introductions the Minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved.

Budget Committee – They did not meet this month as planned. Bob would like some additional volunteers to assist in developing the budget.

Vice President report – He has arranged the following programs for the meetings:

February 17 -Tom DeBold KA6SIP on Satellites
March 16 – Auction
April 20 – Kristen McIntire on Amateur radio related software
Future – Jim Mowen, K6JM on D-Star

Treasurer Report – Misa reviewed the monthly expenses versus budget. She will not be available at the February or March General meeting.

Emergency Coordinator – The local RACES organizations are in the process of developing an inventory of available equipment for emergencies. They are considering 2 to 3 roof mounted antennas for the Office of Emergency Services.

Tom mentioned that the local ARES organizations have been disbanded and the ARRL Section manager is trying to find a new District Emergency Coordinator. The requirements for selection are very restrictive.

Technical Committee – Tim discussed the work of the NCDCC in their effort to acquire frequencies for Digital VHF. When finally in place it will require some adjustments of conflicts and reprogramming of all local digital VHF units. Tim also noted that no testing has started for confirming North Peak coverage for ATV.

Note: The Board would like a report from the Technical Committee next month on the progress for the use of 440 from the Coast Guard Site.

Training – 3 courses are planned:

General class is in progress with 24 enrolled
Technical Class scheduled for 3/22 with tests in May
Extra Class scheduled for 4/28 with tests in June.

Membership- No Report

Public Service –No Report

Field Day – No Report available. A motion was M/S/A to authorize \$200 to Walnut Creek to prepare an MDARC Field Day Banner. Ownership of the banner was not clear nor was the responsibility for storing the banner.

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Auction Committee –Bill Swindell has volunteered to run the Auction and process all necessary paperwork. He has a great deal of experience to Auctions. There is still an opening for the Auctioneer. Please let Bill know if you wish to apply for this. The Board agreed that we would continue to have a \$1.00 buyback charge for items that were presented but not sold.

PACIFICON Committee – The President will sign the revised contract. Paula noted that there will be an increase of 100 room nights to our block and we are responsible for 80% commitment. Some sales have started. Paula reported that the arrangements for meals has not been completed.

The Board requested by motion (M/S/P) that the PACIFICON Committee take up the question of a convention in 2013 at their next meeting and report back to the Board with their recommendation.

Grant Pursuit – The committee will meet next month.

Scholarship – Tom reported that work on a proposal has been initiated.

New Business:

Club Shop -Jim described his thoughts on having a club “Shop Night” in which people would be encouraged to participate in specific projects for that meeting. This might include building projects. Each member was asked to develop some ideas for this.

Other Club Marketing – Jim reported that he is having difficulty in getting some of the key members to help in the Marketing effort. He has asked that the Web page be updated with the correct information without success.

President Bob suggested that at least a portion of the Web be designed such that it could be updated by members themselves as needed on a monthly basis.

Note to Marvin Miller – Could you please let Bob know about the above suggested improvements to the MDARC web page.

Note to Lauren Styles – The Board wants a report as to the Church reservation for next year.

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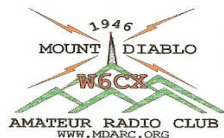
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Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30pm Fat City 10 meter SSB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

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February and March 2012 Club Calendar

Friday February 17, 2012	7:30pm	MDARC General Meeting <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i>
Saturday March 3, 2012	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee <i>Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg</i>
Monday March 5, 2012	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting <i>Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek</i>
Friday March 16, 2012	7:00pm	MDARC General Meeting - AUCTION NIGHT ! <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i>